

repealed by the various Legislatures and local city council.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator. Senators, this is what you are going to do. You are going to take a man 50 years old and his 20 year old son and that 50 year old man can go out and roll in the gutter dead drunk. He can bump into old ladies, old men, children. He can regurgitate all over the public sidewalk and you are not going to do a thing to him under Nebraska law and he is fallen down drunk and there is no penalty for it. But by the same token you could take a 20 year old husband and wife who get a babysitter and leave the one year old at home and they go to a restaurant and they have pizza and say, "And bring us a beer." And by golly, you are going to give them a stiff penalty for drinking a beer. But somebody that gets fallen down drunk there is no penalty. You talk about germaneness, I'm talking about silliness. Isn't that silly? Of course, we all know why there is no penalty for public drunkenness, because we'd lose millions of federal dollars if we made that a crime. Now we don't lose any money by telling 20 year olds they can't drink, so we will do that. We will look asinine to the people and particularly to the young people because money talks. So if you don't want anybody to drink under 21, you provide a penalty. But once they get over 21 you say to them, okay, son, now that you are 21 you can get fallen down stupid drunk...

PRESIDENT: Four minutes have expired.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...and we are not going to do a thing to you. You are old enough now to make a fool of yourself. You are old enough now to be a public spectacle but don't you do it one minute before you are 21 or we are going to penalize you. That is why I think this bill is ridiculous and I repeat again, you are creating another class of criminal because you are not going to make somebody 20 quit drinking and that is why I would hope in this instance we would overrule the Chair and make this good amendment that will really address the problem of drinking with youngsters. You take away their automobile and you think you took away their life. I believe this amendment will solve all the problems that Senator Nichol and Senator Hoagland want to